

THE TEMPTING OF TAVERNAKE

A Tale of Love, Mystery and Intrigue

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

SYNOPSIS

Leonard Tavernake betrays Beatrice Franklyn, and she is driven in despair to...

"Dear sister," he cried, "you have been ill!"

She was herself again almost in a moment. "Oh! Never in my life," she replied.

BOOK II. CHAPTER II. THE SIMPLE LIFE.

One day Ruth Nicholls came and sat with him as he smoked his after-dinner pipe...

"You spend a good deal of your time thinking, Mr. Tavernake," she remarked.

"Not much," he admitted at once. "Too much, Miss Nicholls, I should be better employed planning down the next book."

"You know the old adage," she said, "that you make me—small I confess it—almost angry with you."

"I took his pipe from his mouth and knocked it to the ground as he looked at them."

"All thought is wasted time," he declared, grimly, "all thought of the past. The past is like those ashes; it is dead and finished."

"Not always," she replied. "Sometimes the past comes to life again. Sometimes the bravest of us quit the fight too soon."

"So far as mine is concerned," he pronounced, "it is finished. There is no memorial stone laid upon it, and no resurrection is possible."

"You cannot tell," she answered. "No one can tell."

"Well," she said, "we are a long way from Norwich," she continued, quietly.

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"A few moments ago," she remarked, smiling, "I was dreading your coming. Now I think that you had better. It will not be over at 10 o'clock, and I shall look for you outside. You are living in Norway!"

"I shall be here for tonight, at any rate," he answered.

"You will soon be here," she said, "afterward we will have a talk."

"I have taken a pipe," he admitted, "then light it and listen." She went on smoothing her hair for a minute in front of the looking-glass.

"Elizabeth, on the whole," Beatrice continued, "got out of all her troubles very well. Her husband's people were wild then, but Elizabeth was very clever."

"I have never seen you since that you offered Elizabeth a lump sum to waive all claims to her share of the estate."

"And you?" he asked. "Why did you leave the theatre?"

"I was a matter of looking after my father," she explained. "You see, when he was there with Elizabeth he had too much money and nothing to do."

"I'm not sure that I would sell with you," she answered, "even if you ever finished it. A laborer's work for a laborer's hire. You must go back to the other thing."



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